



**HOOD CANAL COORDINATING COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 (1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM)
JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, PORT TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON**

**MEETING SUMMARY
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ATTENDEES

Board Members

Dave Herrera, Skokomish Tribe
David Sullivan, Jefferson Board of County Commissioners
John Austin, Jefferson Board of County Commissioners
Lynda Ring-Erickson, Mason Board of County Commissioners
Phil Johnson, Jefferson Board of County Commissioners
Ross Gallagher, Mason Board of County Commissioners

Exofficio Members

Duane Fagergren, Puget Sound Partnership
Phil Wiatrak, Department of Ecology
Rebecca Ponzio, Puget Sound Partnership
Spencer Horning, US Navy--Bangor

HCCC Staff

Audrey Miles Cherney, Luke Cherney, Richard Brocksmith, Robin Lawlis, Scott Brewer

Other Attendees

Betsy Daniels, Triangle Associates
Bob Hager, Lower Hood Canal Watershed
Frank Benavente, Port of Hoodspout
Joe Mentor, Mentor Law Group
Ken Knutsen, WOSSA
Melisa Holman, The Nature Conservancy
Steve Heacock, Kitsap County Dept. of Community Development
Terry Hull, ShoreBank Enterprise Cascadia

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Phil Johnson, Jefferson County Commissioner and HCCC Chair, called the meeting to order without a quorum. Missing was representation from Kitsap County and the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Phil Johnson, HCCC Chair, asked for a motion to approve the agenda; the motion was made and seconded and the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

Phil Johnson, HCCC Chair, asked for a motion to approve the July 15, 2009 meeting summary; the motion was made and seconded and the summary was approved.

A VISION FOR HOOD CANAL: HOOD CANAL INTEGRATED WATERSHED PLAN

Scott Brewer, Executive Director, Hood Canal Coordinating Council and Joe Mentor, Mentor Law Group and HCCC Legal Counsel, distributed a draft Narrative Outline for *A Vision for Hood Canal: Hood Canal Integrated Watershed Plan* (Plan) for the purpose of developing a comprehensive plan that will guide the work of the HCCC. The Narrative Outline can be viewed as the scope of work or work plan that will lead to a comprehensive integrated strategy. Along with the narrative outline staff described a timeline for development and completion of the Plan. The impetus for completion of the Plan is to be ready for the 2011 Washington State Legislative session. Discussion from the Board suggested that staff shorten the front-end of the Plan process and have a Plan ready by summer of 2010.

A critical component of the Plan will be rigorous public involvement and peer review process. The Plan will also bring in the various other programs that the HCCC is involved with such as salmon recovery, low dissolved oxygen, and relevant planning efforts in Hood Canal and Strait of Juan de Fuca. In the meantime, we need to continue with projects that we are currently working on, those that are in progress and being designed. The challenges in doing this is are (1) engaging the stakeholders already working hard on these things so as to not threaten constituents who are involved and (2) needing a prioritization scheme so that everything isn't a high priority, if everything is a high priority, then nothing is a priority. The pace of Plan development will be driven more by the constituents and the Hood Canal community acceptance of the process. The Board reviewed a proposed agenda for the HCCC's 2009 Annual Environmental Achievement Awards and Conference to be held on November 6th at Alderbrook. The agenda includes the achievement awards, luncheon, and then the conference that would involve panel sessions to discuss successful watershed groups from outside the Hood Canal area and what funders are looking for. It was also determined that the November 6th conference would be the time to introduce the Plan to the general public and initiate the public involvement process.

Phil asked for a motion for approval of the *A Vision for Hood Canal: Hood Canal Integrated Watershed Plan* narrative outline and amended process timeline, including the general agenda for the November 6th meeting at Alderbrook from the Board. The amended process for development of the Plan includes moving forward with the scope of work as described, start Plan development immediately, design a public engagement and involvement process that focuses on the Plan, and having the Plan completed by summer of 2010. The motion was made, seconded and approved, pending approval from Kitsap County and the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe.

Phil asked for a motion for approval to proceed with pursuing applications for the following grants: Laird Norton Family Foundation (\$25,000), the Puget Sound Partnership National Estuary Program (\$50,000) and the Partnership's Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration funding, and the EPA's West Coast Estuary Program Initiative. The motion was made, seconded and approved, pending approval from Kitsap County and the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe.

AQUATIC REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR HOOD CANAL LOW DISSOLVED OXYGEN-TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) established by the HCCC Board, consisting of state agencies, federal government, tribes, and different groups on Hood Canal, to understand the science low dissolved oxygen and develop recommendations for corrective and management actions. Scott distributed TAC recommendations developed at the September 1, 2009 meeting to the HCCC Board (see attached).

Discussion focused on the recommendations, costs involved, and timeframe. Much of the costs and resources for development of the recommendations from the TAC will rely on existing agency staff and programs. The low dissolved oxygen process and results will be a part of the integrated watershed Plan process. Recommended actions from the TAC and approved by the decision-makers will be incorporated into the Plan.

Phil asked for a motion to move ahead with the Hood Canal Aquatic Rehabilitation Program TAC Recommendations as presented to the HCCC Board. The motion was made, seconded and approved pending approval from Kitsap County and the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe.

PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

Duane Fagergren: Dabob Bay sampling is moving forward. In October, the ORCA buoy at Duckabush will move to Dabob Bay to have continuous monitoring in through 2010.

Rebecca Ponzio: The Partnership reorganized staff to support watershed integration, by creating an ecosystem team and hiring two additional staff members. Duane will be focusing on low dissolved oxygen wastewater issues throughout Puget Sound. Rebecca is working on salmon recovery implementation and the action agenda for Hood Canal. Rebecca discussed the Partnership's ECO-NET program and also asked for a letter of support for the Partnership's Community Restoration fund application. The Board instructed Scott to prepare and sign the letter of support.

HOOD CANAL HAPPENINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

Terry Hull: ShoreBank Enterprise Cascadia has met their program goals to issue low-cost loans for septic system repairs. Terry suggested the ShoreBank program could be a project for Board members to take forward to the legislature for funding and implementation.

Phil Wiatrak: WRIA 16 planning unit is applying for a fresh water monitor plan grant from Department of Ecology. A request for proposal was issued to interested consultants and will be reviewed during the next month.

DATE, TIME & LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is October 21, 2009, 1:00 to 4:00 PM, at the Silverdale Beach Hotel, 3073 NW Bucklin Hill Road, Silverdale, WA.